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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Artichoke Cases, June 1952, [REDACTED] F

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1. Between 4 June 1952 and 18 June 1952, an IASO team, composed of [REDACTED] IASO Staff Officers, and [REDACTED] applied Artichoke techniques to two operational cases in a safe house near [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], represented the [REDACTED] in connection with this work and handled the medical and connected psychiatric problems with this work.

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2. Although requests were made in the field for additional subjects, only two subjects were handled at this time. Both of these individuals could be classed as experienced, professional-type agents and suspected of working for [REDACTED]

3. In each case, a psychiatric-medical cover was used to bring the Artichoke techniques into action. In the first case, light dosages of drugs coupled with hypnosis were used to induce a complete hypnotic trance. This trance was held for approximately one hour and forty minutes of interrogation with a subsequent total amnesia produced by post-hypnotic suggestion. In the second case (an individual of much higher intelligence than the first), a deep hypnotic trance was reached after light medication.

This was followed by an interrogation lasting for well over an hour. However, a partial amnesia only was obtained at this time, although a total amnesia was obtained for the major part of this test. Since further interrogation was desired, a second test was made on this individual in which the Artichoke technique of using a straight medication was employed. On this test, highly successful results were obtained in that a full interrogation lasting two hours and fifteen minutes was produced, part of which included a remarkable regression. During this regression, the subject actually "relived" certain past activities of his life, some dating back fifteen years while, in addition, the subject totally accepted

A [REDACTED] (the case officer and interpreter at this time) as an old trusted and beloved personal friend whom the subject had known in years past in

B/3 [REDACTED] Total amnesia was apparently achieved for the entire second test on this case.

4. Chemicals used in the hypnotic approach were very light and carefully controlled dosages of sodium pentothal. In the second case, on the second test, where drugs alone were used, heavy dosages of sodium pentothal were coupled with the stimulant Desoxyn with outstanding success. In connection with the above cases, it should be noted that both subjects were

B/3 A [REDACTED] speaking and spoke no English, yet hypnosis was obtained by [REDACTED] using an inexperienced interpreter who was directed in English by [REDACTED] through a complex electronic intercom system.

5. For a matter of record, the case officers involved in both cases expressed themselves to the effect that the Artichoke operations were entirely successful and team members felt that the tests demonstrated

conclusively the effectiveness of the combined chemical-hypnotic technique in such cases. In both cases, the subjects talked clearly and at great length and furnished information which the case officers considered extremely valuable.

6. For matter of record, hypnotic inductions were made by [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] who directed and controlled [REDACTED] (a case officer), who enacted the difficult role of interpreter-hypnotist in an excellent manner. Technical arrangements, which were extremely complex and included multiple intercommunication systems and full tape recordings, were handled by [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Security arrangements, which involved a double guard system and transportation and control of the subjects, were handled by the office of [REDACTED] A [REDACTED], under the personal direction of [REDACTED] and were outstanding in every respect. Case officers were [REDACTED] who speaks fluent [REDACTED] and acted also as general interpreter (Case #1), and [REDACTED] (Case #2). A Both were exceptionally well grounded and very helpful. The medical and psychiatric work and cover ^{which was a vital part of the operation} was perfectly executed by [REDACTED] A G and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]

7. A full technical report of the Artichoke operations is being prepared by this office and will be completed in the immediate future. If, however, additional details are desired by your office, I&SO will be pleased to furnish them immediately.